GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4480
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IAS OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of physically handicapped IAS cadre officers in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government provides some special facilities to them;

(c) if so, the details of the facilities being provided to physically disabled candidates who sit in the Civil Service Examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission;

(d) whether the Government have fixed any quota for the physically handicapped persons in the Government jobs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. FOR 18.12.2002 REGARDING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IAS OFFICERS.

The IAS (appointment by Competitive Examination) Regulations, 1955, Rule 12, provides that no candidate shall be appointed to the service who after such medical examination as the Central Government may prescribe is not found to be in good mental or bodily health and free from any mental or physical defect likely to interfere with the discharge of the duties of the service. Accordingly, a candidate is medically examined by a Medical Board constituted by the Government in accordance with the Medical Regulations contained in the Civil Service Examination Rules before appointment and is appointed to the Indian Administrative Service if he is declared fit for appointment to the Service.

No post in the Indian Administrative Service has been identified for person or class of persons with disability defined under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995.

Recruitment through Civil Services Examination, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, is made to the two All India Services, namely the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service and various Central Services/posts, Group `A` and Group `B`. Some of the Central Services have provisions for reservation for physically handicapped persons. The rules for the Civil Services Examinations, therefore, provide for relaxation of the upper age limit prescribed for candidates appearing in the Civil Services Examination by ten years in the case of blind, deaf-mute and Orthopaedically handicapped persons. They also provide that the prescribed qualifying standards are relaxable at the discretion of the Union Public Service Commission at all the stages of examination in favour of physically handicapped candidates in order to fill up the vacancies reserved for them. Further, blind candidates are allowed to write the examination with the help of a scribe.

The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides for not less than three per cent reservation for persons or class of persons with disability of which one percent each shall be reserved for persons suffering from-

(i) blindness or low vision;

(ii) hearing impairment;

(iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability.